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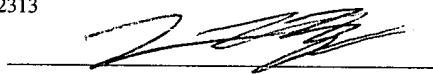
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**STRUCTURAL CAROTENOID ANALOGS FOR THE INHIBITION AND AMELIORATION OF DISEASE**"
-- Lockwood et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 145 page specification, 220 pages of claims (Claims 1-1015), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included drawings on 38 sheets (figures 1-38). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Samuel Fournier Lockwood, Sean O'Malley, David B. Watumull, Laura M. Hix, Henry Jackson and Geoff Nadolski for the above-entitled invention.

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This application claims priority to Provisional Patent Application No. 60/399,194 entitled "Structural Carotenoid Analogs for the Inhibition and Amelioration of Reperfusion Injury" filed on July 29, 2002; Provisional Patent Application No. 60/467,973 entitled "Structural Carotenoid Analogs for the Inhibition and Amelioration of Disease" filed on May 5, 2003; Provisional Patent Application No. 60/472,831 entitled "Structural Carotenoid Analogs for the Inhibition and Amelioration of Disease" filed on May 22, 2003; Provisional Patent Application No. 60/473,741 entitled "Structural Carotenoid Analogs for the Inhibition and Amelioration of Disease" filed on May 28, 2003; and Provisional Patent Application No. 60/485,304 entitled "Structural Carotenoid Analogs for the Inhibition and Amelioration of Disease" filed on July 3, 2003.

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